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NEWHAVEN PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1963.

Public Health Department,
The Grange,
Southover,
LEWES, Sussex.

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To the Members of the Newhaven Port Health Authority

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Port Health Report for Newhaven for the year 1963.

The year has been one of great importance to the future of Newhaven as a Cross-Channel port. The decision was made to introduce a drive-on, drive-off car ferry on the Newhaven-Dieppe crossing and to make this an all-the-year-round service. Construction of the car ramp was started during the year for completion in time for the service to start on June 1st, 1964.

Passenger traffic between Newhaven and Dieppe extended from 30th March to 26th October, 1963. During the year the total number of inward passengers (Alien, Commonwealth Immigrant and British) which arrived at the port was 186,566 (153,712 in 1962) whilst outward passengers numbered 190,244 (156,872 in 1962).

A total of 68,207 aliens arrived during 1963 compared with 46,607 in 1962. The considerable increase in the number of aliens was to some extent due to the day excursion trips for French school children to this country, the bulk of which were scheduled in the early months of the season.

Of the 68,207 aliens who arrived at the port in 1963, 31 were refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer, 67,865 were seen by a Medical Inspector and 311 were subjected to detailed medical inspection. No alien was refused permission to land on medical grounds.

Of the 5,390 Commonwealth Immigrants who arrived at the Port in 1963, 5,368 were seen by a Medical Inspector and 22 were subjected to a detailed medical examination. None were refused permission to land on medical grounds.

Dr. Kirker, who has done most of the work in connection with the inspection of aliens since April 1957, retired at the end of April 1963. I should like to place on record my appreciation of his services. Drs. Alexander and Barton increased their share of the work but it was necessary to make two temporary appointments during the year to cover the Monday afternoon and the early morning boats in the peak of the season.

The total tonnage entering Newhaven Port in 1963 was 620,659 as compared with 570,614 tons in 1962. In 1963 the numbers of ships entering the Port were 1,116 from foreign ports and 498 coastwise. In addition, 5,579 yachts and fishing vessels entered the port.

Imports in 1963 amounted to 298,938 tons and were comprised chiefly of coal, building and roadmaking material, coke and patent fuel, fruit, vegetables and other foodstuffs, timber, iron and steel. The increase of 29,303 tons over the 1962 total of 269,635 tons was almost entirely due to the increase in the amount of building and road making material imported.

Exports in 1963 amounted to 72,189 tons and were comprised chiefly of iron, steel, vehicles and vehicle parts, machinery and building and road materials. The increase in exports from 64,590 tons in 1962 was chiefly due to increases in the export trade of scrap metal and of vehicles and vehicle parts.

No cases of infectious disease involving ships were notified during the year.

I have to thank all the doctors who helped in the medical inspection of aliens and Mr. Harrison, the Port Health Inspector, for his help and assistance. My thanks are also due to H.M. Customs and Immigration Authorities and all other Departments associated with the work of the Port Health Authority for their co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

Finally, I want to tender my thanks to you for your help and encouragement during the year.

Yours obediently,

J. L. COTTON,

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer and
Medical Inspector of Aliens

SECTION I

STAFF

TABLE A

NAME OF OFFICER	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	ANY OTHER APPOINTMENT HELD
Dr.J.L.Cotton	Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Aliens	1.11.1960.	M.B.,Ch.B. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	M.O.H. E.Sussex United Districts
Dr. G. Kirker	Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	5.4.1957. to 27.4.1963.	M.B.,Ch.B. B.A.O.Dub.	-
Dr.R.Alexander	Deputy Port Medical Officer Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	27.1.1957.	M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P. D.P.H.	-
Dr. C.S.Barton	Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	25.8.1959.	M.A.,B.Sc. L.M.S.S.A. D.R.C.O.G.	-
Dr.H.P.Hutchinson	Temporary Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	29.4.1963 to 26.10.1963.	M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., M.A.,M.B., Ch.B.	-
Dr.H.O.Pezeshgi	Temporary Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	24.7.1963. to 30.9.1963.	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	-
Mr.W.P.Harrison	Port Health Inspector and Food Inspector	5.3.1945.	Cert.R.S.I. & S.I.J.B. Cert.R.S.I. Meat and Foods M.R.S.H., B.O.T.Cert. Master Mariner	Public Health Inspector Newhaven U.D.C.
Mrs. R.K.Osborne	Part time Clerk in Port Health Department	1.10.1954. to 25.9.1963.	-	-
Miss D.D.Southgate	Part time Clerk in Port Health Department	28.9.1963.	-	-
Mrs.A.E.Brown	Nurse/Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens	9.7.1960.	-	-

Address and Telephone
Number of the Medical
Officer of Health

The Grange,
Southover,
LEWES, Sussex.
Lewes 4282

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from:-	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board
			By the M.O.H.	By the P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports	1,116	476,376	-	63	Nil
Coastwise	498	144,283	-	124	Nil
Total	1,614	620,659	-	187	Nil

Additional Yachts 3,162

Fishing Vessels 2,417

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Number of Passengers INWARD	186,566
Number of Passengers OUTWARD	190,244
TOTAL	376,810

Principal IMPORTS

	<u>Tons</u>
Coal, coke and patent fuel	111,702
Building and roadmaking material	133,295
Fish	296
Fruit and vegetables	7,917
Other food and provisions	1,743
Iron and steel	2,288
Timber	9,717
Chemicals and chemical fertilisers	1,748
Raw wool	601
* Other commodities	29,631
TOTAL	<u>298,938</u>
* Includes:	
Accompanied motor cycles	388
Unaccompanied motor cars	43
Accompanied motor cars	6,089
	<u>6,520</u>

SECTION III (Continued)

Principal <u>EXPORTS</u>	<u>Tons</u>
Iron and steel	25,956
Building and roadmaking material	3,446
Machinery	4,339
* Vehicle and vehicle parts	13,349
Woollen goods	515
Other textiles	398
Chemicals and chemical fertilisers	929
Other commodities	23,257
TOTAL	<u>72,189</u>
* Includes	
Accompanied motor cycles	429
Accompanied motor cars	5,092
Unaccompanied motor cars	<u>4,623</u>
	<u>10,144</u>

Principal ports from which ships arrive

The main trade of the Port is with Dieppe and near Continental Ports but there are also arrivals from German, Scandinavian and Mediterranean ports with general cargo, timber and salt.

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

The port is not used by Inland Barge Traffic.

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY

1. No change.
2. Fifty-three samples from the British Railways well at Denton before chlorination and fifty-three samples from the main piped supply to the East Side of the Harbour after chlorination were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory by British Transport Commission. All the samples were bacteriologically satisfactory after chlorination.
3. No change
4. No change

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

No change

SECTION VII

Smallpox

No change.

SECTION VIII

Venereal Diseases

No Change.

SECTION IX

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Short account of measures taken on arrival by ships of (a) any cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever excluded in Table D (b) any suspected case of such disease.

(a) No cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever occurred on ships arriving during the year.

(b) No suspected cases of such disease occurred on ships arriving during the year.

SECTION X

OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURANCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case of malaria arrived at the port, nor did any vessel report a case of malaria during the voyage.

SECTION XI

MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

No measures were taken as there were no ships infected with or suspected of plague.

SECTION XII:

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Where possible the Port Health Inspector or the Rodent Operator examines vessels for the presence of rats. A regular inspection is made in the case of the Cross-Channel vessels and an attempt is made to inspect thoroughly all foreign going ships.

2. Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Arrangements exist for the examination of rodents from ships when necessary at the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

No specimens were sent during 1963.

3. Arrangements in the district for Deratting ships, the methods used and if done by a Commercial Contractor, the name of the Contractor.

The Port is a designated approved port for this purpose.

Trapping, poisoning and gassing are available. The Contractors carrying out this work are Associated Fumigators Limited and Ratsouris Limited.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Ships using the port are mainly Cross-Channel passenger and cargo vessels with a high degree of rat-proofing and little harbourage. Colliers entering the port have been found to be almost devoid of harbourage, while in the modern vessels rat-proofing is good.

If any excessive temporary harbourage is discovered the Master is required to abate same.

TABLE E

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

H.C.N.	Other fumigant (State method)	After Trapping	After Poisoning	TOTAL	Number of Deratting Exemption Certs. issued	Total Certs. issued
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	7	7

SECTION XIII

TABLE G

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

INSPECTION & NOTICES

Nature and number of Inspections.	<u>Notices Served</u>		Result of serving notice.
	<u>Statutory</u>	<u>Others</u>	
Foreign going 63	Nil	1	1 complied
Coastwise 124	Nil	2	2 complied
TOTAL 187	Nil	3	3 complied

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH)

No Change.

SECTION XV

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS AND COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRANTS

1. List of Medical Inspectors holding Warrants of Appointment (at 31.12.1963.)

- (a) Dr. J. L. Cotton, Port Medical Officer of Health.
- (b) Dr. R. Alexander, Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health.
- (c) Dr. C. S. Barton,

2. List of other staff engaged on this work.

Mrs. A. E. Brown - Nurse/Attendant

3. Organisation of work.

The organisation of the work is such that the requirements of the Aliens Order, 1953, and Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, are met.

4. (a) Nature and Amount of Aliens Traffic.

	TOTAL	Number inspected by the Medical Inspector	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector.	Lunatic, idiot or mentally deficient.	Undesirable for medical reasons.	Physically incapacitated.	Suffering from acute infectious Dis.	Transmigrants.
(a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port.	68,176	67,865	311	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer.	31	31	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Transmigrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Total Aliens arriving at the Port.	68,207	67,896	311	-	-	-	-	-

4. (b) Nature and Amount of Commonwealth Immigrants Traffic

	TOTAL	Number inspected by the Medical Inspector	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector	Lunatic, idiot or mentally deficient	Undesirable for medical reasons	Physically incapacitated	Suffering from acute infectious disease	Transmigrants
(a) Total number of Commonwealth Immigrants landing at the Port	5,389	5,367	22	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Commonwealth Immigrants refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Transmigrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Total Commonwealth Immigrants arriving at the Port	5,390	5,368	22	-	-	-	-	-

Total number of vessels carrying alien and Commonwealth Immigrants passengers 332
Total number of such vessels dealt with by the Medical Inspectors 332

The annual number of inward aliens arriving at Newhaven from 1945 to 1963 are given in the following table:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Inward Aliens</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Inward Aliens</u>
1945	17,911	1955	58,410
1946	26,376	1956	49,934
1947	31,551	1957	43,330
1948	41,412	1958	41,030
1949	48,127	1959	39,146
1950	49,521	1960	40,440
1951	51,918	1961	44,610
1952	52,104	1962	46,558
1953	51,084	1963	68,207
1954	54,652		

The annual numbers of Commonwealth immigrants arriving at Newhaven from July, 1962, when the provisions of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, came into force, are given in the following table:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Commonwealth Immigrants</u>
1962	4,004
1963	5,390

5. Accommodation for Medical Inspection and Examination

Approval was sought during the year for the renovation and re-equipping of the medical examination rooms. It is hoped that the installation of additional heating and lighting and the structural alterations can be carried out before the service is resumed in March, 1964.

SECTION XVI

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BURIAL ON SHORE OF PERSONS WHO HAVE
DIED ON BOARD SHIP

No change.

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